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PRICE THREE CENTS

MOTION PICTURES

Mr. Newman is Presenting Fine Programs to His Patrons

LEADING STARS ARE POSING

Does the Middletown public know that Mr. Newman is giving them regardless of cost, much finer Motion Pictures than ever before? His patrons have no doubt realized that fact. Well, he is paying 50 per cent. more for his reels than one year ago.

Motion Pictures are coming to be an art in the truest sense, yearly approaching more and more the best standards of the legitimate stage. That this is so, is shown by the fact that numbers of the foremost actors and actresses who have won fame in the comic and tragic roles of the old plays, are seeking new laurels in the "Silent Drama."

Playwrights and managers like Belasco, Frohman, Arnold Daly, etc., are entering the new field, and many of the great journals like the North American and even so conservative a paper as the Ledger, are printing in serial form the stories upon which many of these Motion Pictures dramas are founded.

In a word, the Motion Picture art has moved up to a new and higher plane in this second stage of its history, and thus in these film reproductions of great stories and plays, Mr. Newman's patrons can for the trifling 10 cents witness the acting of famous players, presented amid the most elaborate and gorgeous settings with all that goes to make a first class theatre night that costs commonly from \$1 to \$5.

Mr. Newman is thus earning the appreciation which the pleasure loving people of Middletown and vicinity are extending.

Mr. Newman is now presenting three of such high grade plays, "The Perils of Pauline," and "Zudora" being given on alternate Tuesday nights till finished, when "Zudora" will be given every Tuesday night until it also is finished. "The Million Dollar Mystery" is the third and is shown every Friday night.

The "Zudora" consists of 20 different episodes of two reels, each complete in itself; its cast numbers 1000, and 3000 different scenes are presented with settings of a very striking character.

"A Woman's Triumph," adapted from Sir Walter Scott's beautiful novel "The Heart of Midlothian," will be the next great work Mr. Newman will offer his patrons. If you have not seen the new and improved Motion Pictures, you should do so.

FOGEL & BURSTAN'S CONTEST

Fogel and Burstans "Gift Plan" prize contest, which has been running since November first, is proving a big success. Quite a number of contestants have in town, in Odessa, Townsend etc, have shielded their "bonnets" into the ring and the six-ten-sixteen may be more cornered—"fight was on!"

Of course there has been no pulling of back hair, face scratching or tongue lashing, but a quiet, decorous contest to decide who shall win bed, rug, chair etc.

Neither can anyone say who are forging to the fore, what filly is leading on the three-quarter stretch, much less which "grey mare" on the final home canter will poke her nose first under the wire. Some of the contestants are industriously enlisting the help of their friends, so that nobody, not even Messrs. Fogel and Burstans will know who the lucky winners are until they read the announcement in The Transcript of the judge who has counted the returns.

But "they say" Miss Soanoo has a lot of the "Coups" and that Miss Whatevername has ditto, maybe more, while Miss Blank—well, you should just see hers, reels of "em like Mr. Newman's pictures!"

The contest closes Saturday, January 30th, and ten days will be given, that is until Fogel and Burstans' Store closes Wednesday evening, February 10th, for the coupons to be brought in.

Then to assure all the contestants fair play, a receipt showing the total amount of coupons, will be given to each person and a carbon duplicate placed, in a sealed envelope with the owner's name thereon which will be delivered to the Middletown Transcript Co's office, where Mr. Joshua Z. Crossland, the Company's Treasurer, will take charge of them, and on Thursday, February 11th, at 10 o'clock A. M., will open and count them, and award the prizes accordingly. The result will be given in The Transcript of Saturday February 13th.

Amateur Fistic

On Thursday evening a score or more of Middletown's husky youth, "pulled off" a half dozen boxing bouts in the upper room of The Transcript building. We didn't notice any "ropes," "sponges," "watchholders," "referees," "seconds," "trainers," "towels" and the rest of the fistic paraphernalia. But for all that, some of the "fights" were fast and furious, and showed some "science" with plenty of "steam," and no end of pluck.

The "settos" were much enjoyed by the hilarious spectators. We are not quite sure there was any budding young "White Man's Hope" among the several athletes who "put up their fives" upon the occasion.

BETHESDA CHURCH NOTES

January 10th. 9.30 a. m. Brotherhood Devotional meeting. 10.30 a. m. Public Worship with sermon. Subject, "Treasures in Heaven." The pastor will discuss whether it is right to accumulate wealth.

2 p. m. Sunday School. We made a fair start last Sunday. But we can do better. Let those who have not been attending start in. Come with us and we will do you good.

7.30 p. m. Public worship with sermon. Subject, "A Stay of Execution." Text, "Let it alone this year also. If it bears fruit well; and if not then after that thou shalt cut it down." Jr. League Saturday at 3 p. m.

The special evangelistic services will begin at Bethesda M. E. Church, Sunday, January 17th. Miss Minnie Shay, of Baltimore, an evangelist of note and a lady of deep spiritual life, will assist the pastor for two weeks. She is a strong speaker and a great gospel singer and makes a profound impression wherever she goes, and we confidently expect her coming to Middletown to result in much for the upbuilding of the kingdom. The success must largely depend upon the co-operation she receives. It is the serious duty of the membership to give themselves to prayer and service. We greatly need a Pentecostal baptism. Let every social function and other meetings be side-tracked and let us give ourselves without stint to the work of winning souls for Christ. We ask an interest in the prayers of all God's people for an outpouring of the Holy spirit. If every member will realize his or her responsibility in this matter we shall have a visitation of divine power.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I wish to gratefully acknowledge the pleasant surprise which was given me by some of my friends on New Year's Eve. When I called for my mail, the postoffice officials began to hand me letters and packages galore. I knew I was the victim of a conspiracy, but I could not tell what it was. Burdened with my cargo I at length arrived at the parsonage where the inmates wondered what it all meant. We were not long opening the letters and packages, and we soon discovered that the friends had given me "a handkerchief shower." Upon counting them we found we had 4 dozen, beautiful white handkerchiefs, besides other gifts; all of which will be useful. I very greatly appreciate the spirit back of the gift, as well as the gift.

Will every one who had any part in it, and all who wish they had a part in it, accept my sincere thanks and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year?
Faithfully yours,
CLINTON T. WYATT,
Middletown, Del., Jan. 5, 1915.

Forest Church Notes

Sunday, January 10th, 1915. 10.30 A. M., Public Worship with Sermon. 11.45 A. M. Sunday School session. 6.45 P. M. Christian Endeavor service. Topic, "Our Denominational Boards; and Our Relation to Them." 7.30 P. M. Evening Service.

The Annual collection for the Board of Ministerial Relief will be taken on tomorrow, Sunday morning.

On January the fifteenth, the Rev. Francis H. Moore will have served the people of Forest Presbyterian Church, twenty-five years as their Pastor.

St. Annes' Church Notes

January 10th. The 1st Sunday after Epiphany.

Morning Prayer, and Sermon at 10.30 A. M.

Sunday School session at 11.45 A. M. Evening Prayer and Address at 7.30 P. M.

Service on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

Meetings: The Ladies Guild on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Junior Auxiliary on Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

Grange Notes

Friday evening January 1st was Installation night with Peach Blossom Grange. Frederick Brady and E. H. Shalcross were the Installing officers assisted by Mrs. Daisy J. Williams and Miss Esther L. Shalcross.

A few of the officers elect could not be present, and it has been arranged to install these at the next meeting, Friday night, Jan. 15th.

Peach Blossom Grange has gone on record in favor of repeal of the Bottle Law and a committee has been appointed to act in conjunction with the other Granges of New Castle County, with the end in view to bring about this much needed legislation.

A Joint Lodge Building

Three of the local lodges are considering it is said, a proposition to erect a joint building with quarters, on the third floor for each lodge, the second floor, adapted to the needs of the New Century Club, and the ground floor room big enough for a Motion Picture Show. The project was discussed Friday evening, but nothing definite has yet been made public.

FRIENDS & VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

THOSE THAT COME AND GO

Mr. Curtis Millman was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. Rosa Weber spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Taylor Barnett has been spending sometime in Philadelphia.

Miss Prudence Lewis was a New York visitor over New Year's.

Mrs. Culver and daughter, Miss Mary, were Easton visitors last week.

Miss May McFall was the guest of her parents at Hockessin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jones spent Thursday and Friday in Philadelphia.

Miss Osie R. Gillis, of Wilmington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. J. Northrup.

Miss Ada Scott spent the holidays in New York and Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.

Mr. J. B. Reed, of Yeagertown, Pa., is spending a few days with Mr. J. J. Northrup.

Miss Elva Freeman was a recent visitor with Miss Mildred Holten, near Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Eugenia Beasten spent New Year's Day with friends at Atlantic City, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carpenter, of Wilmington, spent Saturday with Mrs. I. S. Vallandigham.

Master Charles A. Ritchie, of Wilmington, has been spending several days with Charles A. Kelly.

Mrs. A. R. Swain and son John have just returned from a weeks visit with relatives in Greenwood.

Miss Jean Metten has been spending the week with her brother, W. F. Metten and family, in Wilmington.

Mrs. Nettie W. Thomas, who has been spending sometime at Bethesda parsonage, has returned to Wilmington.

Mrs. James P. Rothwell, of Philadelphia, is a visitor at the home of her sisters the Misses Beasten, on Cass street.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Othson, of St. Georges, are visiting his brother, S. T. Othson and family on East Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Manlove, of Newport, Del., spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Maloney, on East Main Street.

Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Combs have returned to Middletown, after a week's visit with their mother, Mrs. Reed, at Ellendale.

Miss Fannie Derrickson has returned to New York, after a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Derrickson.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Williams, of Seattle, Washington, are guests at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. J. Williams, at St. Augustin, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lee returned home on Monday, after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Massey in Wilmington.

Miss Blanche Wright of Atlantic City, N. J., was an over Sunday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comegys, on South Broad Street.

Mr. T. V. Leohart, of Philadelphia, visited friends here last week, and her little niece Miss Mary Jolls, spent several days at the home of Mrs. Weber.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Pool entertained on New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foard, of Middletown, Miss Mary Byrne, and Mrs. William Sterling Evans, of Elkton, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jones had as week-end guests, Miss Grace McKenney of Philadelphia, Miss Mary Shockey and Victor H. Jones, of Wilmington; Mr. Stewart Mastin, of Baltimore, and Misses Lillie McCullough and Bertha M. Jones, of Gwynedd, Delaware.

Crawford-Woodall Wedding

The marriage of Miss Alice Woodall, daughter of Mrs. Andrew W. Woodall and Mr. Charles H. Crawford, son of Mrs. Henry Van B. Crawford, of Middletown, took place in St. Dennis Catholic Church, Galena, on Wednesday, January 6th, at 11 A. M.

The bride wore a blue cloth suit, black velvet hat and sable fur. Her bouquet was of lilies of the valley.

Miss Margaret Woodall, sister of the bride was Maid of Honor, and wore a gown of green velvet, trimmed with beaver and carried American Beauty roses.

William D. LeCates, Jr., nephew of the bride, was ring bearer, and Mr. George Lockwood, of Philadelphia, the best man. The ushers were: Thomas C. Cruikshank, Jr. and W. A. Hyland.

After the ceremony a breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother in Georgetown.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Woodall entertained at dinner in honor of the wedding party and the house guests.

Woodland School

The following pupils have obtained an average of 90 per cent or above for the month of December:

6th grade: Edna Armstrong, 5th grade: James Murray, 4th grade: Francis Crawford, 3d grade: Grace VanDyke, Margaret Murray, Price Crawford, 1st grade: Herman Conner.

ODESSA

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kronemier were Dover visitors on Sunday.

Miss Clara Ewell is the guest of friends in Cecilton this week.

Miss Ethel Ward, of Chester, is spending sometime with her parents here.

Mr. O. C. Stevens, of New York City, is spending some time at his home here.

Miss Margaret McCoy is the guest of her sister Mrs. A. Hayden in Wilmington.

Professor Moody Robinson, of Selbyville, is the guest of Mr. Alvin Rose this week.

Miss May Janvier, has been spending sometime with her sister Mrs. J. W. Watkins.

Mrs. J. W. Watkins and daughter Miss Helen are spending sometime in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pierson are spending some time with relatives in Mt. Holly, N. J.

Mr. Theodore Croft, of Philadelphia, was a week-end visitor with his mother Mrs. Eliza Croft.

Miss Mary Coppage, of Church Hill, Md. has been visiting her aunt Mrs. George Coppage.

Miss Elizabeth Walls, of Church Hill, Md., spent part of last week with her friend Miss Francis Davis.

Miss Anna May Berry, of Wilmington, was an over Sunday visitor with her mother Mrs. A. B. Berry.

Mr. Lee Heller and wife, of Glassboro, N. J., have been spending sometime with relatives here.

Miss Ethel Plummer, of Philadelphia, was a recent visitor with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Plummer.

Mrs. J. Muehberger and children spent Sunday with her daughter Mrs. John Bigner Jr., near Townsend.

Miss Mildred Hall, of Middletown, was the guest of her cousin Misses Viola and Isabella Smith on Sunday.

The young people of the town have been enjoying the good skating at the Marl Pit also on the Mill Pond near town.

Mr. Eugene McCoy, left on Monday last for Fort Valley Georgia, where he will spend sometime with his brother Mr. John McCoy.

The extra Revival Services at St. Paul's M. E. Church are being well attended. The services this week have been in charge of Rev. Frank Price an evangelist and the pastor Rev. H. C. Shipley who urgently requests all who possible can, to attend these meetings.

Sales To Take Place

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1915—Public Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., by C. E. Pool, near McDonough, Del. D. P. Hutchison, Auc.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1915—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Thomas Lattonius, on the farm known as the S. R. Warren farm, 4 miles west of Townsend, Del. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28th, 1915—Public Sale of Stock, farming implements, etc., by Earnest Jarrell, on the Brady Farm, one mile south of Mt. Pleasant. Denny Goldsborough, Auctioneer.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1915—Public sale of stock farming implements etc., by Herman H. Staats on the R. Y. Wallen farm on the road from Greenspring to Dexter corner. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1915—Public sale of cattle and hogs by J. F. Fox on the Long Island farm on the road from Odessa to Silver Run. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1914—Public sale of stock and farming implements by Albert F. Boyer at his residence on the road from Taylor's Bridge to Flemings Landing.

To Stop Sales

The quarantine placed upon sections of New Castle county is still in force although many of the farmers down State have gained the impression that it had been lifted, according to Dr. H. P. Eves. Many complaints have reached the office of the State Livestock Sanitary Board from the veterinarians doing inspection work, that farmers are removing cattle from one farm to another without the necessary permits.

"Another thing that will be stopped is the public sales that are being advertised to take place upon certain farms at which the livestock is to be sold. In this respect the animals cannot be moved from the place of sale until the owners obtain a permit to remove the cattle from the farm," said Dr. Eves.

Dr. C. A. Schaffler, the government physician went to Washington Wednesday morning in order to confer on the subject of interstate shipments of cattle.

NEAT and BEST

JOB WORK

Apply to This Office

NEW CENTURY CLUB

Tuesday's Meeting Devoted to New Club House Discussion

CARD PARTY—REFRESHMENTS

The meeting of the New Century Club on Tuesday was given entirely to business, most of it concerning the hoped for longed for New Club house, which the ladies hope to have in the not far distant future. Several building lots were discussed but none that are for sale seem desirable for the purpose.

The entertainment which the Club members had hoped to give in the Opera House next Monday can not be arranged for, so instead of it a "Card Party", bridge, five hundred and finch will be given on that evening at the home of Mrs. Mary E. Shalcross on North Broad street. Tickets 25 cts, refreshments included.

The program for next Tuesday will be "What Books Children Should Read," Miss Weed, in charge of the Children's Department of the Wilmington Public Library, Mrs. Julia Lockwood Green, Chairman.

The full program for January and February will be:

January 5th—2.00 P. M. Executive Board meeting.

2.30 P. M. Business meeting.

January 12th—"What books children should read," Miss Weed, in charge of the children's department of Wilmington Public Library. Mrs. Julia Lockwood Green, chairman.

January 19th—Lecture, Dr. Charles A. Wagner, State Commissioner of Education. Parents and School children are invited to be present.

January 26th—"Red Cross Work," Miss Emily P. Bissell. Mrs. E. B. Chamberlaine, Chairman.

February 2d—2.00 P. M. Executive Board meeting.

2.30 P. M. Business meeting.

February 9th—Piano Recital, Mrs. C. G. Robinson, State Chairman of Music.

February 16th—8.00 P. M. Lecture, "Some Curious facts in Delaware History," Dr. Ernest V. Vaughan, Newark. Open to the public.

February 23d—Address, "Robert Louis Stevenson," Mrs. Gayle P. Hoskins.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mr. A. E. Davidson is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Nannie H. Wright has returned to Mt. St. Agnes College, after spending the holidays here.

Miss Margaret Johnson, of Philadelphia, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Ellison, Jr.

Mr. R. B. Foard, of near town, was an over Sunday guest of his brother Mr. John Foard, at Marshelton, Del.

Mrs. Edith Elliott is visiting her sister Mrs. Dorsey Dunlap, at Frostburg.

Miss Alice Hopper has returned to Smith College, after spending the holidays with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eggee, of Alabama, are guests of his mother Mrs. Annie T. Eggee.

Misses May and Agnes Davidson are guests of Mrs. Margaret Townsend, of Stephens City, Va.

Mr. Roger Williams, of Thurmont, Md., spent Sunday last with his mother Mrs. Laura Williams.

Messrs Davidson and Savin gave a dance Friday night. Music by Jacobs Orchestra.

Mrs. Pierce B. Alrich and daughter, of Wilmington, Del., have been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Salmon, of near town.

Mrs. E. A. Beauchamp is having a reduction sale before closing the Eureka on January 25th, for remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Loiraine and sons Howard, Cavender and Layton, were entertained on Sunday last by Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Jones.

Mrs. E. A. Beauchamp entertained Mrs. Flora Briggs, Misses Hattie Morgan, Carrie and Mammie Wright, at "500" on Wednesday evening, of last week.

WARWICK

Miss Bessie Gunkel returned home on Friday after visiting relatives in Oxford and Centreville, Md.

Mrs. Herbert Yeater, of Philadelphia, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Merritt and family on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. William Vinyard is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Bayard Jordan was the guest of her mother Mrs. H. M. Eaton on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. DuPuy were entertained at dinner on Wednesday evening last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Johns.

Mrs. Robert Lipscomb and son Leonard, of Baltimore, were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones.

Mrs. John Banks is spending some time with Pittsburg relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wilson spent Sunday at the home of Mr. James Spear near Chesapeake City.

Mr. Thomas Carroll, of Atlantic City, N. J., is visiting his mother Mrs. Sara Carroll.

LOCAL NEWS

The best steak, roasts, lamb and veal at W. C. JONES' Wagons and Dearborns for sale.

J. C. GREEN. WANTED—BALED HAY AND STRAW. S. B. FOARD.

FRESH AND SALT FISH at my store at all times. W. C. JONES.

Wagons and Dearborns for sale. J. C. GREEN.

Dr. Warren S. P. Combs Dentist. Successor to the late Dr. J. C. Sutes.

HIDES WANTED—The highest cash prices paid for horse and cow hides. W. C. JONES.

FOR SALE CHEAP.—Oak hall-stand and dining-room table, also walnut bedroom suit and sideboard. Apply to THIS OFFICE.

HIGH GRADE LEHIGH pea, nut, stove and egg coal always on hand and UNDER COVER. BEST GRADE GEORGES CREEK soft coal. Phone 5. JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

Service at Warwick M. P. Church Sunday: Sunday School at 9.30, Preaching 10.30, Christian Endeavor 7 P. M. Union Revival services at Sassafras M. P. Church Sunday evening 7 o'clock. Come!

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of Letters remaining unclaimed in the Post Office, for week ending Dec. 31st: Mrs. Ida Jones, Mrs. Grace Lee, Miss Mary Books, J. C. Coppage, Sam Johnson, Georgie Waggon.

At the Annual Meeting of the Cantwell Mutual Insurance Company of Odessa held at the office of Joseph H. Enos on Monday, the following seven directors were elected to serve for the coming year: Daniel W. Corbit, President; Joseph G. Brown, Secretary and Treasurer; Francis B. Watkins; Leonard V. Aspril Jr.; Alexander P. Corbit; Merritt N. Willits; Clarence E. Pool and Colen Ferguson.

The following is a list of the Directors and Officers of the New Castle County National Bank of Odessa elected on last Wednesday: Daniel W. Corbit, President; Merritt N. Willits, Vice President; C. E. Pool, Secretary; Alexander P. Corbit, Daniel Corbit, Francis R. Watkins, Colen Ferguson, James T. Shalcross, Joseph L. Gibson, L. V. Aspril, Directors; Joseph G. Brown, Cashier; Frank Davis, Teller; M. A. Davis, Asst.

TOWNSEND

Lulu Ratledge visited Anna G. VanDyke Sunday.

John Townsend is visiting his son in Philadelphia.

Mark Staats is the guest of his sister Mrs. Bessie Enos.

W. G. Knotts and wife spent Monday with David Boggs, near Cheswood.

D. B. Jones and wife left Monday to remain three months in Wilmington.

Reba Outten left town Friday, to enter Medical College, as a student for nursing.

Mrs. Sherman Collins entertained a number of the young people on New Year's night.

Leland and Willie Money, of Mt. Pleasant, spent last week with their Junior Keynolds.

Christine Stant, a student from Medico City Hospital, Philadelphia, visited her parents here the past week.

Albert Watts and family, of Cecilton, Md., are spending several days with her parents Lemuel Shockey and family.

Mrs. W. A. Scott and Mrs. John Townsend, visited Samuel Townsend and wife, at Richardson Park, Wilmington, Tuesday.

Mrs. Daisy Johnston has returned home from a week's visit with her brother George Wiggins and family, near Smyrna.

A social function of the past week was on New Year's eve,

ZIGZAG FIGHTING IN ALSACE SAY BOTH PARIS AND BERLIN GERMANS STRIKE AT RUSSIANS

Austrians Continue Their Retreat Through the Carpathians
and Turks Are Over Trans-Caucasian Line

LOSS OF LIFE IS ENORMOUS ON BOTH SIDES IN ENCOUNTERS

London.—The French War Office announces that the Germans have been driven from Steinbach in Alsace and that French troops hold the German defensive positions west of Cernay (Sennheim). This is a material advance in the Alsatian operations. Steinbach has been the scene of house to house fighting for several days.

The German War Office describes the desperate fighting in upper Alsace, and admits the loss of the defensive positions near Cernay. It is announced that the French have taken the heights around Steinbach, but it is asserted that the battle for possession of the village continues.

A writer in the London Daily Express makes a violent attack upon Viscount Haldane, the Lord High Chancellor, asserting that he is friendly to the Germans and opposed to British interests in the war. It was announced in London recently that Lord Haldane would probably resign his position.

The Russian General Staff announces that the operations in central Poland continue without change; that the Germans, after a slight success at Bolimow, have been beaten back, and that the rout of the Austrians in Galicia is complete. Russian troops have taken Sutchada, two-thirds of a mile from the Austro-Rumanian frontier. The Germans have made a number of night attacks and the fighting is still extremely violent.

Both Russian and Turkish official statements claim advantage in the fighting near Kars, on the Russian side of the Caucasian frontier. Russia says the battle of Sari Kamyah is still on, but the Turks assert that it has ended in complete victory for them.

GERMAN SUBMARINE BOAT SANK THE FORMIDABLE.

Berlin.—An official announcement made public through the German Official Press Bureau says: "A German submarine boat reports by wireless to the Admiralty in Berlin that it has torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel off Plymouth the British battleship Formidable. The submarine was pursued by British destroyers, but escaped undamaged."

FRENCH ATTACKS IN ARGONNE BEATEN OFF BY GERMANS

Berlin, (via wireless to London).—The official statement issued by the German army headquarters says: "Some of the enemy's ships, accompanied by torpedo boats, appeared off Westende (Belgium), without firing. On the whole of the western front artillery fights took place. An infantry attack by the enemy followed to the north of St. Mennechould (in the Argonne Forest). It was beaten off with severe losses to the French."

GERMAN FLIERS RAIN BOMBS ON CHANNEL PORT.

London.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Dunkirk telegraphs: "In answer to our raid on Cuxhaven German aeroplanes raided Dunkirk, dropping bombs all over the town. A fleet of four aeroplanes flew several times across the city, dropping bombs on each journey. The soldiers in the streets replied with a vigorous rifle fire, but the aeroplanes sailed calmly on. One seemed to have been hit, for it turned its head and descended several hundred feet before righting itself, but it got away safely."

No sooner did one aeroplane seem to be departing than another arrived. The whole city crackled with the noise of the rifle shots and bombs which threw up dense clouds of black smoke. Buildings and windows were smashed in all directions. The tramway lines were cut clear through in one place. The first bombs fell in the fortifications. Two more landed near the railway station. Others fell in the Rue Caumartin, in the kitchen of the military hospital near the town hall, in the Rue Pierre and Neupont, near the arsenal and in the suburb of Rosendael.

Factory districts in Condekerque and Furnes also suffered. Many were wounded in these places. The arm of a child was blown off. An old woman was killed outright, her body dreadfully disfigured. The bombs were filled with shrapnel which pitted the walls of buildings.

The official returns estimate the casualties at 15 killed and 32 wounded.

NEW BALKAN WAR LOOMS.

Steps to Secure Bulgarian Neutrality Not Successful.

London.—The persevering steps which have been taken to bring about an understanding between the Christian Balkan States, with the idea of securing the neutrality of Bulgaria, apparently have not met with complete success, according to dispatches received in London from the near eastern capitals, and Greece, Serbia and Rumania are preparing for eventualities.

STILLMAN GIVES \$100,000 MORE.

Half is for Paris Sufferers Because of the War.

Paris.—James Stillman, the New York banker, has given \$100,000 francs (\$100,000) to the American relief clearing house. This is in addition to his previous contribution through M. Jusserand, the French Ambassador at Washington. The money is to be used for the relief of the victims of the war. One-half goes to the sufferers in Paris and the other half to those in northern France.

War at a Glance

WEDNESDAY.

It is officially announced that the Russian troops have gained a decisive victory over the Turks at Sari Kamyah, capturing the entire Ninth Corps of the Turkish Army. The others of the Turkish forces are declared to be in full retreat, with the Russians pursuing.

Continued progress by the French troops in Alsace and gains by the allied troops in Belgium are announced by the French War Office.

Repulse of attacks upon German positions at various points along the western battle line are announced at Berlin. The announcement also reports that north of Arras a French trench 200 yards in length was blown up by the Germans.

Of the situation in Poland the German announcement says that there has been little change, though slight gains by the Germans at certain points are claimed.

Vienna reports the defeat by Austrians of a Russian force which tried to break through their line northeast of Gorlice.

According to an announcement at Petrograd, the Russians have defeated the Austrians at Uzok Pass, forcing a way through the Carpathians.

Mobilization in Italy is moving forward rapidly, and popular agitation in favor of the country's participating in the war is growing, according to dispatches from Italy.

TUESDAY.

The village of Steinbach, in Alsace, where house-to-house fighting had been reported for some days, has been taken by the French, according to an announcement from the German War Office.

Petrograd reports desperate fighting in the region of Bolimow, where, it is said, a Russian trench, taken by the Germans in an energetic attack, was immediately retaken by the Russians. Further progress by the Russians in West Galicia is also reported.

Berlin reports the receipt of word from a German submarine that it sank the British battleship whose destruction in the British channel was reported last week. The submarine reports that the battleship was sunk off Plymouth, on the coast of England.

Dar-Es-Salaam, capital of German East Africa, was bombarded by British warships.

Turkish troops are reported to be raiding the northwestern section of Persia, having defeated Persian troops sent against them.

Lemberg hears that in Przemysl, the Galician fortress besieged by the food supply is almost exhausted.

MONDAY.

Renewal of the German offensive in Poland, reported from Petrograd, is said to be developing in such a manner as to lead Russian military observers to believe that the Germans' real goal is not so much Warsaw as Novo Georgiewsk and Ivangorod.

The Austrian retreat before the Russians in Bukovina has taken the character of a great rout, according to an official announcement at Petrograd. It is stated that during the past fortnight Gen. Radko Dimitrieff has captured 22,570 Austrians and 45 machine guns.

In spite of the bad weather which continues along nearly the whole of the western front, there has been heavy artillery and infantry fighting, without, however, materially changing the situation.

An intimation that the British Government contemplates the introduction of conscription for increasing the army and navy was given by Thomas J. MacNamara, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, in a speech at London.

Capture by the Turks of Ardagan, a Russian fortified town in Transcaucasia, is announced by the Turkish War Office. The announcement also states that Turks, in conjunction with Persia tribesmen, defeated 4,000 Russians 10 miles northeast of Saonbulak.

London reports receipt of dispatches indicating that the Balkan Peninsula may soon be involved in the war.

SUNDAY.

Four German Army officers were taken off an outbound steamer at New York on the charge of conspiring to use passports fraudulently.

The French statement indicates this change of plan. It recites a series of night attacks along the front. The assaults were in great force, but the claim is made that they were repulsed.

Russia issued an "Orange" book, giving in review the happenings in the Black Sea which preceded the conflict with Turkey.

The Berlin statement of the fighting in Alsace and the Argonne conflicts with the Paris version.

The German communication says further ground has been gained in the Argonne, and specifically denies the claims of the French War Office that half of the Alsatian village of Steinbach has been captured and that the French are making a further advance there.

The Paris announcement asserts that some of the territory lost to the Germans in the Argonne has been regained, and that three new lines of houses have been occupied in Steinbach.

The offensive movement of the Allies in Belgium and France has been changed to defensive because the German attack in reply to the advance has strongly developed.

The German military authorities say there have been no changes in the eastern campaign, except that the German attacks on the line west of Warsaw have made further progress.

With the arrival of 30 survivors of the battleship Formidable the total saved now numbers 261. The British Admiralty issued a statement saying Captain Loxley and 20 officers are probably dead.

SATURDAY.

The British battleship Formidable was sunk in the British Channel. According to an official statement at London, it is not known whether the disaster was caused by a mine or by a submarine. Only 150 members of the ship's crew of 750 men are known to have been saved.

The struggle for possession of Steinbach, in Alsace, continues, the War Office at Paris claiming that the French are making progress foot by foot.

Dunkirk, on the north coast of France, was again bombarded by German aviators on Thursday. French aviators bombarded the railroad stations at Metz and Arnayville.

The belief that the year just begun will see the ending of the war was expressed by President Poincare in an address to the members of the diplomatic corps at Paris.

An official statement at Vienna says the Russians have developed great activity in Bukovina and the Carpathians.

FRIDAY.

Hard fighting in Upper Alsace is reported in an announcement from the German War Office, which says that house after house in Steinbach has been destroyed by French artillery, but the village is still in possession of the Germans. French attacks west of Sennheim are declared to have broken down under the fire of German artillery.

According to the French official report, French troops now occupy half of the village of Steinbach, and house-to-house fighting is in progress there.

Over 30 French and British warships are engaged in bombarding Pola, the Austrian naval base on the Adriatic, according to a report from Berlin via Copenhagen.

British forces have occupied Bougainville, the largest of the Solomon Islands, which since 1899 has been held by Germany.

SERVIA A SECOND BELGIUM.

Over 100,000 Wounded There, Writes Mme. Groultch.

Washington, D. C.—Conditions in the devastated portions of Serbia are as distressing and the misery as great as in Belgium, according to a letter received at the Red Cross headquarters here from Mme. Groultch, wife of the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Serbia.

"Every available building near the front has been converted into a hospital," Mme. Groultch wrote, "and the wounded must sleep, sometimes on floors, in corridors or sheds. Often wounded can only be dressed every third or fourth day for want of bandages and gauze. Surgeons are working 18 hours a day; nurses and local committees are exhausted from the strain."

She added that there were 100,000 wounded Servians and Austrians in Serbia.

KAISER'S CONFIDENCE FIRM.

Wires Archduke He Expects Decisive Success.

Berlin, via The Hague and London.—Emperor William, replying to a congratulatory message from Archduke Frederick of Austria, telegraphed as follows: "My best wishes to your Imperial Highness and your brave Austro-Hungarian troops who, in the past year, have shown an unchanged spirit of comradeship toward their German allies. With our combined forces we continue the fight, and with our eyes toward God we will win. A decisive success for our just cause will not be wanting."

"WILLIAM."

EVANGELIST PAYS HEART BALM.

Settles \$50,000 Breach Of Promise Suit For \$10,000.

Pittsburgh.—Homer A. Rodeheaver, the evangelistic singer, announced here that he had settled for a money consideration the \$50,000 breach of promise action brought against him by Miss Georgia Jay, a Chicago stenographer. Mr. Rodeheaver refused to give the amount paid in the settlement, but it was said to be \$10,000.

FIRING FROM DARDANELLES.

Turk Guns Bombarding French and British Ships.

London.—A wireless dispatch received here from Berlin gives a report received in the German capital from Athens that the Dardanelles fortresses have commenced a bombardment of the blockading Anglo-French fleets, and that one torpedo boat has been slightly damaged.

DAR-ES-SALAAM BOMBARDED.

British Warships Shell German Harbor in East Africa.

Nairobi, British East Africa, via London.—The British battleship Goliath and light cruiser Fox have carried out successful operations against Dar-Es-Salaam, capital of German East Africa. The warships bombarded the town, inflicting considerable damage. All the German vessels in the harbor were disabled. Fourteen Europeans and 20 natives were taken prisoners.

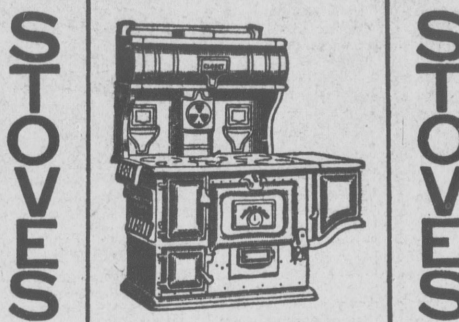
Best-Built Town On Coast.

Dar-Es-Salaam, the best-built town on the coast of German East Africa, is a military station with an excellent harbor, situated 40 miles south of Zanzibar. It is the terminus of an important caravan route, the residence of a Governor and has large commercial interests. The white population in 1909 was estimated at 1,000. The total population at more than 20,000.

The widow Bonard, in Paris, sent nine sons to the war and all were wounded, but all will recover.

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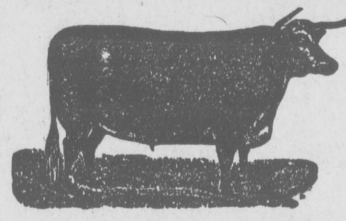
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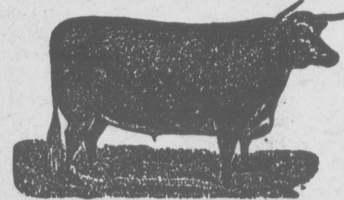
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THAT GERMAN "KULTUR"

WITH barbaric ruthlessness the Germans have already demolished a dozen or more of the finest Cathedrals in Europe, some of them with wanton maliciousness—among others, that artistic marvel of Gothic architecture whose beauty is hallowed with the historical associations of the centuries, Notre Dame at Rheims.

We have heard much about these German protagonists of the new, "Kultur" which they boasted was to uplift and enlighten mankind meanwhile it conferred upon their only worthy race universal dominion. But alas! the burning of churches, in which this novel "Kultur, of a higher civilization" seems to specialize; the needless sacking of cities, towns and villages; the bombardment of defenceless cities whereby innocent women and children are slaughtered wholesale; the dropping of bombs upon sleeping thousands of non-combatants—these, and other like barbarities, have signally failed to convert a skeptical world to this new Teuton gospel of "blut und eisen."

The latest laurels these brave warriors have won was in shelling three coast towns in England (wherein they killed a few dozen peaceful citizens, including a number of women and children whose heads, we read, "were knocked off") and the pounding into yet greater ruin that ancient landmark, the Abbey of Whitby! But somehow this "faithless generation"—and that includes about nine-tenths of the civilized world—fails to be convinced of the beauty of the new gospel by these illustrations of its workings.

If Italy follows Portugal in aid of the allies, Rome may count on seeing St. Peter's come tumbling about the Pope's head when the Germanic hordes get there.

Indeed, Gen. Edelsheim, a member of the Kaiser's War College, has also, like Bernhardi, written a book showing how Uncle Sam may be given a taste of this "made in Germany" evangel of blood and iron.

Here is the interesting program: "Sink the American battleships; lick their little army and give their toy militia a good spanking!" And then, after a score of the big buildings in New York, Philadelphia and Washington have been knocked into rubbish by German shells, the scared Yankees will be glad to pay a billion or two to buy off these 20th century pirates as did Rome in the fifth, their ancestor Gen-eric!

A SHAMEFUL FIGHT

THE miserable squabble in the Senate which resulted in a split, with eight Democrats and the Lt. Governor forming one part, and nine Republicans with Senator Walker the other, reflects small credit upon all concerned—least of all upon the Democratic minority that plainly has tried, under the leadership of Senator Gormely, to steal the organization of the Senate.

On the one hand it was clearly unlawful for temporary president Walker to set up a rump Senate with himself as presiding officer, for that is ex-officio the function of the Lt. Governor.

On the other hand, it was as clearly improper for the Democrats and the Lt. Governor to proceed to the transaction of business before the new members had been sworn in.

Both sides have done illegal and foolish acts, and violated the rights of each other. Many of the proceedings were farcical, and calculated to bring the Legislature into contempt in the eyes of the people, as, for example, where two presiding officers were seated side by side on the president's platform each trying to execute his office, and two rival clerks racing to see who could first finish the roll call!

Finally, when one considers the motive that prompts all these disgraceful wrangles, the shame of it is made greater. For the sake of the half-dozen petty officers whose tenure is but 60 days, these members, elected by the people to perform important legislative duties, spend days in unseemly quarrels! For a little party patronage, are willing to smirch the state's honor and make its Senate a laughing stock and a scandal, till, remembering the many past shameful scenes of like character, strangers will come to think of Delaware's Legislature as chronically inefficient and scandalous.

AN APPOINTEE OFFICE

"There is serious suggestion in the well-deserved praise and appreciation which Chancellor Curtis publicly bestowed upon Joseph C. Jolls, upon the latter's retirement from the important office of the Orphans' Court and register in Chancery, this week, after twelve years of faithful and efficient service. The office is elective, and as the Republican party failed to renominate Mr. Jolls, he was compelled to retire, notwithstanding his value as a public official.

"There are some offices in State and local government, which, by reason of the character and importance of their duties, should as far as possible be kept in experienced and capable hands. This, however, cannot be assured under the uncertain system of limited terms and popular elections. The office from which Mr. Jolls was compelled to retire is one of them. This position should be appointive, by the Chancellor, the incumbent to be continued so long as he renders faithful and efficient service. Mr. Jolls' successor may prove highly efficient, or he may not. In the latter event public interests would suffer to the end of his term. A change should be inaugurated in respect of this and some other offices."—Every Evening.

The above editorial comment by Every Evening calls attention to a matter that is deserving of the serious consideration of our legislators. The offices of Prothonotary, Clerk of the Orphans' Court and Register in Chancery require the services of men who are not only competent Clerks, but of those who are especially adapted to the peculiar duties of handling the Courts' business. It is a trite saying that Poets are born, not made. In a large way, the same can be said of a Clerk of the Court. Their duties are such that a man with a natural legal mind and with years of training can be of invaluable service to the Court and the public.

But there is another and broader reason why these officers should be appointed by the Courts, rather than elected by the people. It is the people's business that these officers perform, and it is to the best interest of the people that their business be not only properly, but promptly transacted. No one is more interested in a proper and prompt transaction of the Court's business than the Judges of the Court. And they should be able to insist on such service. Under present conditions, the control of the Judges over the men who have to make up and keep the records of their Courts is so slight as to be negligible. When a Clerk who under present conditions, must be a politician, finds that the desires of his organization runs counter to the requirements of the Court, it is only human nature that the public duties are sacrificed to private and political considerations.

WILLIAM A. SUNDAY

BILLY Sunday, "the baseball evangelist" is the most notable revivalist that has appeared in America since Moody.

He has addressed many thousands in the big cities throughout this country; and it is said good results have always followed his labors, such as wide and deep reformations in public and private manners and morals.

One of the conceded tests of the genuineness of the Wesleyan converts in that second Reformation of the eighteenth century, was the fact that they began paying their old debts! They say Sunday's converts are also doing that! It's tough on our human nature to say that the highest test of a man's religion is that it goes so deep—as his pocketbook!

They also say that hosts of drinking men, touched by Sunday's fiery words, abandon their cups, and that in his wake he leaves closed saloons by the score! In fact, that his preaching has aroused the bitter hostility of the gin mills and of the liquor interests generally.

His coming to Denver and Pittsburg, cleansed their Augean civic and political stables as though some moral Hercules had passed that way! Now he is attempting his biggest task to reform Philadelphia which city, perhaps comes as near being Satanic headquarters as any in the Keystone state unless it be Harrisburg during a session of the Legislature.

They have built him a huge wooden tent seating 20,000 where on last Sunday in his three addresses he spoke to 50,000 people! He captured those vast throngs, disarming as he usually does, all critics, lay and clerical, despite the fact that he habitually uses a slang which is often shocking and sometimes irreverent.

What is the secret of his success? He is fearlessly plain speaking, telling saints and sinners alike, the clergy as well as the laity, truths the most unpalatable, regardless of consequences. Frankness is ever at a premium, though according to a popular

proverb found chiefly in drunkards and children!

2. He is terribly in earnest, and all the world likes that quality also—though it is unfortunately a trifle too scarce.

3. His methods, language, gestures, facial expressions, all his actions,—are strikingly spectacular; in truth, he is a whole circus in himself, and a four ringed circus at that! This cause alone would make him draw, for everybody likes to be amused.

4. In speech he is graphic—he talks pictures—and is witty, dealing much in terse, barbed epigrams, which commonly pierce to the marrow of the question, and serve a more serious purpose than to stir to laughter only. These keen barbs together with his peppery criticism, he bestows impartially on down-and outers, and on D. D.'s and bishops, on sinners in silks and broadcloth, not less than on sinners in faded coats or drab dresses—another quality all men applaud.

These are some of the causes of his phenomenal success but not the only ones. Mass hypnotism explains we believe, very much, of this success, leaving out, of course, the supernatural.

Billy Sunday is an immense magnetic force, and once he is in rapport with his audience, that is, once his magnetic circuit is complete, the bigger that audience, the greater his power, he multiplying his mesmeric, or magnetic force into his 20,000, electrical energies, till he becomes an irresistible dynamo of spiritual power.

This same phenomenon was shown in the case of the great Whitefield who stirred all classes with a power none could resist. The critical Franklin tells in his autobiography how he came with the determination not to be carried away like the vulgar crowds, and yet he too succumbed, resolving to give, as he says, first a few coppers, then his small silver, till quite swept off his philosophical feet, he ended by emptying his whole purse into the collector's basket!

Yet, strange to say these same addresses of Whitefield, whose eloquence as he spoke them swayed two continents, the learned and unlettered alike, are in cold print very dull reading indeed. So, we say of Sunday, though his sermons reads far better than Whitefield's, it is the message plus the man.

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To all to whom these presents may come, greeting:

WHEREAS, it appears to my satisfaction by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof, by the consent of all the stockholders deposited in my office, the Prospect Land Improvement Company, a corporation of this State whose principal office is situated at No. 504 So. Clayton Street, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, State of Delaware, Percival R. Roberts, being agent therein, and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served, has complied with the requirements of "An Act providing a General Corporation Law," amended and approved March 7, A. D. 1901, amended and approved March 17, A. D. 1903, amended and approved March 29, A. D. 1905, amended and approved March 21, A. D. 1907, amended and approved April 5, A. D. 1909, amended and approved March 31, 1911, amended and approved March 1913, preliminary to the issuing of this

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